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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the references listed on Form PTO-1449, copies of which are enclosed herewith in accordance with 37 CFR §1.98, be made during the course of examination of the above-identified application for United States Patent.

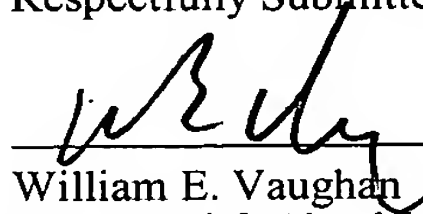
Document AL, Japanese 7-67042 relates to a solid state image pick up element for a television camera which incorporates a clock counter to measure time until a potential of a photodiode reaches the reference potential from which the light intensity is measured.

Document AM, Japanese 8-275059 relates to a light receiver from an image processor which has a metal oxide semiconductor transmitter having a specific gain coefficient that equalizes signals output from non-inverting and inverting output circuits with a signal applied to the light emitting component.

Document AN, Japanese 7-274072 relates photodiode appointments for an CCD image sensor which has a photodiode connected to a comparator having two MOS transistors, feeding signal to a counter which counts time from which the threshold values were last exceeded.

Accordingly, early consideration and allowance of the application, including the claims, are hereby requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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